

POOR PICKINGS IN COURTS OF UNION

Last Criminal Session Had
Nothing To Do Thanks To
New Liquor Legislation

Criminal courts get poor pickings in Union county these days. The last session of such a court there, held a few days ago, adjourned for the want of something to do. There was not a single case to come before the grand jury and the jail was empty. Mr. R. A. Morrow, of Monroe, writing Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, attributes this state of affairs largely to the effectiveness of the liquor laws passed by the last Legislature. His letter to Mr. Davis follows:

"I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the Monroe Journal of October 26th, which I think you can use to a great advantage in this State. 'You will note from same that our criminal court convened here last Monday grand jury was empanelled, and found that they did not have a single case—the jail is empty and the court adjourned on this date for the reason there was nothing to do.'"

"This has never occurred before in our county, and we attribute same to the laws which were passed at our last Legislature on the whiskey question."

The editorial from the Monroe Journal is as follows:

"There are about thirty-three thousand people in Union county but not a one of them is in jail and the criminal court last week had nothing to do. The grand jury met and adjourned without having a single bill to pass upon."

"The world is not getting better, Oh, no."

"Prohibition doesn't prohibit! Oh, no!"

"Folks are drinking and fighting and stealing more than ever, some say. But why the courts do not hear of it and the jail is empty, has not been explained by those who hold the theory."

"And down in Charleston they are shooting and fighting and the military companies are standing guard over city because some of the citizens want to put in a set of officials who will enforce the law against that noble philanthropist, the blind tiger. Just suppose there were no blind tigers and liquor dealers in Charleston. Think what a plight poor old Charleston would be in. She might not have any prisoners in the jails, nor any dead newspaper reporters nor any military company standing guard. She might be in the awful situation that Union county is in."

"Think of it!"

DANIELS IS NEUTRAL

By H. E. C. BRYANT
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Washington, D. C., Oct. 30.—Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels went to Annapolis this morning, to witness the football game between the Naval Academy and the A. & M. College teams. They are the guests over the week-end of Commandant of the Naval Academy and Mrs. E. W. Eberle. They were accompanied by their guest, Miss Bessie John Haywood, of Raleigh, and Miss Ethel Bagley, sister of Mrs. Daniels.

Captain and Mrs. Eberle gave a luncheon today in honor of the Secretary and Mrs. Daniels, and a dinner tonight before the hop at the Naval Academy.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. D. W. Wurtzbaugh and Howard A. Banks witnessed the game at Annapolis.

Secretary Daniels had to be neutral today, for if he yelled against the Navy he would be called down by the Annapolis boys, and if he rooted for them North Carolina would knock him. He was on the fence for fair. The Secretary said he was wondering whether he should root for the Navy or the Agricultural College, or just keep rooting all the time for both, or possibly keep silent and jest smile.

"If I root for the Navy I might lose my home, and if I root for the Agricultural College I might lose my job. So there I am." When he left for Annapolis the Secretary had not decided the rules of diplomacy that would be supplied.

He remained neutral.

MAN KILLED WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Wilson, Oct. 30.—After attending the circus here this afternoon W. H. Ham, who lived near Black Creek, was killed instantly, his auto turning turtle while nearing five points just on the outskirts of the city, pinning him beneath the machine. Hiram L. Epps, Joseph E. Brown and Harrison Newsome, of Goldsboro, who were passing at the time, rendered assistance to others who were in the car. There were several others in the car, but they received only slight injuries.

NEWS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

(By Southern Missionary News Bureau.)

A recent bulletin issued by the American Board gives the latest news concerning the missionary situation in Turkey and Syria. Many of the missionaries of the board have suffered sickness and hardships, and not a few have been compelled to leave their stations and their work. Word has come from Constantinople that no missionaries who come from interior stations are allowed to return, and no new ones going out will be permitted to go into the interior. There are, however, some encouragements amid all these trying conditions.

The Minister of Public Instruction at Constantinople has rendered a decision which greatly ameliorates the hostility of the order of last fall, which at first threatened to close all American schools. If the present government remains in power there is indication that the school will not be prevented from opening on account of that order.

Throughout Eastern and Western and parts of Central Turkey, nearly all of the Armenians—men, women and children—are taken from their homes and sent, under guard, to remote sections of the country inhabited by Moslems. Little preparation is made for the journey. Hardship and suffering among them are beyond description. Many executions of men have occurred in all of these places.

The Greeks in Western Turkey are also great sufferers. So far as we can learn the missionaries have not been threatened, while Ambassador Morgenthau has emphatically demanded that they and their property shall be adequately protected. The missionaries who are British subjects are so restricted in their movements that they may ultimately withdraw from the country; some have already come out. While the ordinary missionary work in Turkey is considerably interfered with and in part halted, there is every assurance not only that the work in the future will go on in full force, but that in many directions it will enter upon a new and unprecedented era. On August 4 Mr. Peet wrote that he believed all missionaries were personally safe.

Adult Bible Classes in China.

The adult Bible class movement has entered China. Mr. R. A. Doan, recently elected secretary of the Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ, while on a tour through the Orient became deeply interested in the Sunday school situation among the missions there. Mr. Doan, who is himself a highly successful leader of one of the largest adult Bible classes in the country, was convinced after a study of the field that the adult Bible class movement should be taken up in China to conserve the results of the evangelistic campaign begun by Dr. John R. Mott and Mr. Sherwood Eddy. Mr. Doan, in his address to the missions, spoke of the value of the adult Bible class movement in America, and urged the organization of classes. At his suggestion men's classes were organized at Nantung-chow, Nanking, Chuchow, Wuhu, Lu-chowfu, and a woman's class at South Gate, Nanking. Mr. Doan spoke over seventy times in China in the interest of the adult Bible class to audiences aggregating more than fifteen thousand people. There were seven hundred enrolled in the classes.

Religious Reaction in China.

"China and the Gospel," the annual report of the China Inland Mission, contains an account of a year of undiminished activity—"the most spiritually fruitful," indeed, in the society's history—in spite of the shadow of war. A foreword to the report refers to the signs of a religious reaction in China; there has been a considerable return to idolatry and the worship of confucius, school text-books must now include selections from the ancient classics, and the president has officially revived the old imperial ceremony of the worship of heaven. Liberty to preach and teach, however, still remains undisturbed with the missionaries.

The Bible in Egypt.

Rev. Stephen Van R. Trowbridge, Sunday school secretary for Egypt, has been receiving money from friends in London and Cairo for the distribution of New Testaments among the Australian and New Zealand troops as well as among the Turkish prisoners in Cairo and the Moslem students in the government schools.

The actual distribution among the soldiers and prisoners he has turned over to the Army Y. M. C. A. secretary. The work among the school-boys, Moslem policemen, and street car conductors he is carrying on personally as he goes about the city.

In this work he is following the plan suggested by the Pocket Testament League. On a recent journey to Middle Egypt he distributed about one hundred and eighty copies of the Arabic New Testament to fellow travelers.

A Trade School in China.

One quarter of the great province of Shantung, whose name so frequently appears in telegraphic news from the Orient nowadays, is governed by the city of Tungchengfu. The military, political and educational headquarters for the eight or nine million people in the district all center here, and the city is, therefore, an important religious center for work of the

American Board's mission in Shantung. Rev. E. W. Ellis, of the Board's staff at Lintsingchow, describes a recent week's work in Tungchengfu, in the course of which he studied some of the higher schools which the new China is trying so hard to maintain. Mr. Ellis says:

"The normal school is one of the four of highest rank in the province, and has an attendance of one hundred and sixty. The middle school has one hundred and thirty, and two other schools have a combined attendance of over a hundred. One of these is the industrial school. Here from each of the twenty-nine districts governed by the city, five boys are allowed to come and study a trade."

"The teaching includes Chinese printing, book-making, and the making of military uniforms. We also visited the industrial prison, where weaving the shoe-making were being carried on by the inmates."

This story represents a tremendous change in the educational ideals of China and in methods of treating prisoners. No wonder an American president of a Chinese college declared not long ago that living in China just now is like being in the transformation of an Arabian night's story.

Flying the Methodist Flag in Vera Cruz.

"Something over a year ago Methodist work was commenced in this port city of Vera Cruz," writes Rev. R. A. Carhart. "For several months preaching services and Sunday school were maintained, besides a day school, and a class of about a dozen probationers has been organized. The work has continued with good spirit up to the present time. Our rented building is not satisfactory, but no other has been available."

The Christian Doctor.

True to his pioneer instincts, Methodist Missionary Samuel Gurney, M.D., has started medical work in two new stations of Rhodesia. One of these is a mining center where there are over forty white men and hundreds of native laborers. So eager were the people to have a doctor among them that they offered to pay liberally for his services. He will probably earn at this center alone the equivalent of two or three missionaries' salaries. Although intending to go home this summer, after eight years' service without furlough, he has decided that this new chance to earn money for the Lord's work is too good to be missed.

30 ARE INDICTED IN ELECTION CONSPIRACY

Sullivan, Ind., Oct. 30.—Charging a conspiracy to commit a felony in the "wet" and "dry" election here last May, thirty men, including high officials of brewing companies and a justice of the peace, were indicted by the Sullivan county grand jury here today. Separate indictments were returned against the Terre Haute Brewing Company, of Terre Haute; the F. W. Cook Brewing Company, of Evansville, and the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, of St. Louis, charging corruption.

Among the brewing company officials named were: Gus B. Mahan, secretary-treasurer of the Cook company; Adolph E. Smith, general sales manager of the same concern; George Maier, secretary of the Terre Haute company, and Walter G. Himmelbauer, assistant to Maier. George Wheeler, a Terre Haute saloon keeper and former Central League ball player, and Ben Whittington, a justice of the peace, were also indicted.

It is alleged in the indictment that the "wets" raised a slush fund to be used for importing voters and buying votes. The money paid for votes, it is said to have ranged from 50 cents to \$5 each. The brewing companies are charged with contributing to the fund. Whittington's office is alleged to have been the headquarters of the conspiracy.

WILSON AND MRS. GALT MOTOR TO ANNAPOLIS

Washington, Oct. 30.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, motor to Annapolis, Md., today, leaving Washington early in the morning and returning at dusk. They lunched at an Annapolis hotel, afterwards walking about the city, visiting the naval academy and the State capital, but declined an invitation to witness the football game between the Navy and Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina.

Reports circulated in official quarters today that an announcement of the President's wedding date was to be made tonight, proved to be erroneous. It also was rumored that Monday, November 15, has been decided upon for the wedding, but this lacked verification.

The President and Mrs. Galt will visit Shadow Lawn, the future summer white house, near Long Branch, New Jersey, next Friday. Thursday night the President will address the Manhattan Club of New York on Preparedness.

HESPERIAN HIT BY TORPEDO, U.S. F.

Navy Department So Indisposed
After Examination of Fragment of Missive

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the Navy Department had indicated the fragment of the engine of which sank the Allan liner Hesperian off the Irish coast, was a part of a torpedo. The German government has persistently denied that the liner was torpedoed. In opinion of United States naval experts the fragment could not have been a part of a marine mine.

While the report of the Navy will be forwarded to the British foreign office as a matter of information, it will not be accompanied by representations on the part of the United States. A link is missing in the chain of evidence upon which the Washington government could make a statement that it was convinced a torpedo sent the ship to the bottom.

No Sworn Statement.

The fragment was turned over to Ambassador Page by the British admiralty with the statement that was found on the Hesperian's engine after the explosion and during fruitless struggle to reach port before she sank. No sworn statement of the finder accompanied the fragment and until that gap in the chain of evidence would be made up, which has consistently maintained that the steamer was not sunk by a German submarine.

SOUTH FORK BAPTISTS END HICKORY SESSION

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Hickory, Oct. 30.—The South Fork Baptist Association, which has been in session with West Hickory Baptist church this week, came to close yesterday afternoon. The association will meet with East Hickory church next year, and Rev. J. Harte, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hickory, was designated to preach the opening sermon.

The following were appointed to write the various reports to be presented at next year's session: Foreign missions, Rev. M. A. Adams, Newton; State missions, Rev. E. Andrews, Mount Holly; home missions, Rev. I. T. Newton, Dalman; woman's work, Rev. J. D. Hickory; Baptist Young People's Union, Rev. J. S. Connell, Longland; orphanage, Rev. A. W. Set; Maiden; Sunday schools, Rev. S. Bennett, Lincolnton; Biblical counselor, Rev. J. J. Beach, Gaston; ministers' relief, Rev. G. P. Abner, Gastonia; obituaries, Rev. J. A. Ho, Maiden.

Reports of the churches represented showed a membership of nearly 600, and 594 baptisms during the year. Contributions to benevolent State missions, \$1,415.11; home missions, \$874.73; foreign missions, \$322.12; orphanage, \$1,279.45; education, \$244.80; Sunday school mission, \$73.30; ministerial education, \$244.15; ministerial relief, \$42.15; other objects, \$796.68, making a total of \$4,103.83.

More than 200 visitors and delegates were in attendance. Among distinguished visitors were Rev. L. Johnston Johnson and Rev. R. T. Van, both of whom delivered powerful addresses during the course of the sessions of the association. The opening sermon this year was preached by Rev. J. S. Connell, of Longland. The election of officers resulted in all former officers being re-elected as follows: Moderator, Chas. Brown, of Long Island; vice-moderator, Rev. I. T. Newton, of Dalman; clerk, J. E. Chick, of Hickory; treasurer, J. O. Allen, of Lincolnton.

SENATOR OVERMAN READY TO START WORK ON CODE

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Washington, Oct. 30.—Senator Overman will arrive here Monday to begin work on a judicial code to control the duties and salaries of clerks and marshals in Federal courts, regulate appeals from one court to another, etc.

The work would supplement the judicial code enacted by Congress in 1911.

Senator Overman will at once call a meeting of a sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee appointed to prepare the supplemental code with a view of having the work read for presentation to Congress early in the session.

This is an important work and the Senate honored Senator Overman by putting him in charge of it.